Raid conducted by Weights and Measures Department

1231. *SHRI* D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Weights and Measures Department has recently conducted special raids for checking the correctness of measures and meters used for supply of petrol by different petrol pumps and gas cylinders by gas dealers in the capital;

(b) if so, what are the details of the petrol pumps and gas dealers on whom raids were conducted; and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that M/s. Deepti Enterprises and M/s. Mars Enterprises at Jhandewalan, Delhi are supplying underweight gas cylinders to the consumers; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take against the erring petrol stations and gas agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The deails are given in the attached statement (*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 78.

(c) During the inspection of M/s. Mars Enterprises and M/s. Deepti Enterprises on, respectively, April 4, 1985 and July 23, 1986, some LPG cylinders were found underweight.

(d) Legal action against all the offenders has been initiated by the Weights & Measures Wing of the Delhi Administration.

Outstanding dues from State Electricity Boards

1232. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the various State Electricity Boards have failed to clear the outstanding amount to the tune of Rs. 165 crores to the National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) whether this huge outstanding amount would adversely affect the annual plan of the National Thermal Power Corporation; and

(c) if so, what measures are proposed to be taken by the Central Government to ensure that there is no cut in the annual plan of the National Thermal Power Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The dues to NTPC from the State Electricity Boards outstanding at the end of March, 1986 totalled about Rs. 165 crores.

(b) The recovery of the outstanding dues would facilitate implementation of the annual plans of NTPC.

(c) The need for clearance of the dues of NTPC has been stressed on the State authorities. The measures initiated to ensure that there is no cut in the annual plans of NTPC include opening of Letters of Credit of adequate amounts by the State Electricity Boards, rebate for timely payments, and imposition of a surcharge on payments which are delayed.

कच्चे तेल पर रायल्टी

1233. श्री मिर्जा इर्शाद बेग: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कच्चे तेल का मूल्य निर्धारित करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) गुजरात और अन्य राज्यों को रायल्टी के रूप में अनुमानतः कितनी राशि प्राप्त होने की संभावना है और पिछले निर्णय के अनुसार रायल्टी की दर क्या थी; और

(ग) गुजरात और अन्य तेल उत्पादक राज्यों से तेल प्राप्त करने के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और इन राज्यों को प्रति वर्ष कितनी रायल्टी प्राप्त होगी ?

विद्युत विभाग में राज्य मंत्री तथा पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती सुशीला रोहतगी) : (क) और (ख) क्रूड के मूल मूल्य (बेस प्राइस) में कोई परिवर्तन नहीं किया गया है। ऐसा निर्णय लिया गया है कि 1-4-1984 से क्रूड तेल पर रायल्टी को बढ़ाकर 192/- रुपये प्रति मी० टन कर दिया जाए। गुजरात और असम को देय रायल्टी की राशि क्रमशः 87 करोड़ रुपये और 104 करोड़ रुपये है। पिछले निर्णय के अनुसार रायल्टी की दर 61/ रुपये प्रति मी० टन थी।

(ग) वर्ष 1985-86 के दौरान के प्राकृतिक गैस के उत्पादन और उपयोग के विवरण संलग्न विवरण में दिये गये हैं और वह सभा पटल पर प्रस्तुत है (नीचे देखिये)। राज्यों को गैस के कूप शीर्ष मूल्य का 10 प्रतिशत रायल्टी के रूप में मिलता है।

विवरण

(प्रति दिन मी० घन० मी०)

स्थान	उत्पादन	आन्तरिक रूप से प्रयुक्त और उपभोक्ता को सप्लाई किया गया	जलाई गई।
पश्चिमी अपतट (बम्बई हाई)	14.20	8.40	5.80
पश्चिमी तट (गुजरात क्षेत्र)	2.52	2.20	0 32
पूर्वी क्षेत्र	5.57	3.13	2.44-
	22.29	13.73	8.56-

Amendment to Indian Telegraph Act

1234. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any protest has been received against the recent amendment to the Indian Telegraph Act which stitpulates that the ordinary telegrams, other than those conveying news of deaths or accidents, would neither be accepted nor delivered before 7.00 hrs; and after 17.00 hrs.;

(b) whether it is against the fast communication policy and is likely to cause inconvenience to the poor; and

(c) whether Government are considering to withdraw this amendment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. A few protests have been received in this regard.

(b) No, Sir. Based on the recommendations, of Committee on Telecommunications the restrictions were imposed in order to smoothen the traffic flow and to quicken the process of telegram handling. The implementation of this scheme has resulted in improvement of disposal of telegrams in the telegraph offices. This policy is not causing inconvenience to the